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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1

~~Part~~ B for November 1902

SUBJECT.

Abolition of Shimoga gaol and its establishment as a District lockup in its stead

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Sl. 1. To. The I. G. of prisons, Dy. C. Shimoga, the Comptroller, the Ch: Engineer the Conservator.

No. 8021-5 / 6637 Dt 8-11-02

Directs the abolition of the Shimoga gaol and its establishment as a lockup for short term and under-trial prisoners in its stead.

GPB—8,500—21-7-14

T. V. R. Iyengar.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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SERIAL No.

The prevention of the
Jail at Shimoga

Now that Dr. Lakshmana-
-swamy, civil surgeon of
Shimoga has been reduced
to the grade of an Assistant
Surgeon I Grade, and
will be removed from
there, it is a point for
consideration whether
it is necessary hereafter
to maintain as at present
the Jail at Shimoga
with an allowance
to the civil surgeon for
its supervision, and
a costly Establishy-
-ment. The total average
daily strength of the
Shimoga jail including
under-trial and civil
prisoners is 62·48, while
those of the Bangalore

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and Mysore Jails are
575 and 207 respectively.
Similarly the cost of
establishment for guarding
at Shimoga
is on an average nearly
Rs 93 per head, while at
Bangalore and Mysore
it costs only about Rs 38.
Of Course, before railway
Communication was
opened to Shimoga, the
maintenance of a Jail
there was a necessity
on account of the distance
to Bangalore and the
difficulty of frequently
transporting the prisoners
by road to that place.
At present the railway
affords facilities to
the easy conveyance
of the prisoners to Bangalore
and I shall be obliged
accordingly
if that the question of
diminishing the establish-
-ment and assimilating
the Shimoga jail
it to the Jails at Hd Quarters

other than those of Bangalore and Mysore ~~maybe~~ taken into consideration by the Second Councillor and in consultation with the Inspector-General of Prisons, and the will favour me with his views, and those of the latter officer. The number of Convicts received in '99–'00 in the Mysore Jail was ~~to~~ 118 and to transfer these to Bangalore would have cost about Rs 250 or Rs 300 including the cost of the warders who are to accompany the prisoners. It is just possible that ~~there among~~ these there may have been a number of short-time prisoners, ~~who would~~ to transfer whom, according to the existing rules there would have been no necessity

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~~If~~ The daily average of Convicts in '99-'00 was 49.88. ~~The~~ ~~decrease~~ This from the total average of 62.48, the averages of under-trial and civil prisoners were 11.68 and .94 respectively. Making a fair allowance for the number of prisoners sentenced to ~~short~~ imprisonment short terms of imprisonment who serve out their terms at Shimoga itself, it may be presumed that the total daily average will not exceed 200r 25 at the highest. The Cost of the establishment in '99-'00 was Rs 5805. ~~If the Jail~~ It is apparent therefore that by maintaining the Jail ~~on~~ at Shimoga on a smaller scale, there will be a material reduction saving to Govt.

We understand will be relieved serve as a Sandalwood depot which is great want in Shimoga

25.9.02

The D.C. of Prisons & I.T. Superintendent Civil Stations, Bangalore were consulted, are in favour of the abolition of the Jail & the establishment in its place of a Sandalwood depot at Shimoga

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My dear Col: Bowson,

As Mr. Lakshmana-Sammy has been reduced to the grade of an Asst Surgeon 1st class, & will be removed from Shimoga, it is a point for consideration whether it is necessary hereafter to maintain as at present the jail at Shimoga with an allowance to the Civil Surgeon for its supervision and a costly Guard &c, establishment. As ~~Bandes~~, Shimoga has is connected with Bangalore by Railway ~~road~~ ~~the difficulty of~~ it is easy enough ~~frequently for~~ transporting the prisoners ~~by road~~ to the latter place, has jails been removed

The reasons

Hereon Govt consider

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Whether it is not ~~desirable~~ advisable to ~~Dismantle~~ reduce the ~~Jail~~ Establishment and assimilate the Jail itself to those at Distant Out stations (except Other than Bangalore and Mysore);

I am to request the favour of an early expression of your views in the matter.

Yours Sincerely

Before taking action, for I like to have opinion,

+ thereby will save the a which ~~will be a great~~ exp ~~Saving to Govt~~.

The objns against the course seem to be chiefly sentimental.

I shall feel oblige by an early reply -

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

D.O. 918

Septr 28th 1902

Dear Sir,

Your D.O. to hand - As regards my intention for some time past to address Govt; on the advisability of reducing the Establishments of the Jail at Shimoga, & assimilating it to those of Hassan Kadur &c. now that Shimoga is connected with Bangalore by rail. There are no arguments of any validity that can be brought forward in favor of this reduction in its present state, than you very rightly suggest the only objection to its reduction is entirely a Sentimental one -

Believe me

yrs sincerely

Rice

H. V. Nanjundayya Esq
Asst Dy
Kaptur.

To the 2nd Counsellor

Hmss

26/9/952

Secy 132/R26 Gen

I am quite of the opinion that a convict jail at Thimaya under the present altered conditions quite unnecessary - A lock-up for short termers is all that seems required as elsewhere in the State. Bangalore and Mysore, of course excepted - I believe Col Benson is also in favor of the abolition of the Thimaya jail - All considerations of sentimentality seem to point to the desirability of such abolition - Before however replying to this note I shall like Col Benson's formally consulted by a Do.

D.O. sent

Hmss

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Greenwaters

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The I.G. of Prisons is in favour of the proposal.

Draft an order saying that Govt are of opinion that the Jail should be abolished — call for proposals from the I.G. Concerning the reduction of Establt & what shd be retained in Shimoga &c & let me see it please.

The Draft shd be submitted for approval & then Drawn through the Legal Councillor.

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I am not quite sure if this is not a material revision of Estt.

Draft Order to 2nd

30.9.02

7626. Send to the 1st Councillor (Proposal by Circle Order) with U.O. 4.X.02

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I agree to the draft

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Order & the Draft

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MATTER FOR DISPOSAL BY CIRCULATION.

SECRETARIAT SECTION

SECTION P. dg.

FILE No. 10 a/02

SERIAL No.

SUBJECT.

Abolition of the jail at Shimoga, and esta. -blishment in stead of a lock-up as in other District head quarters except Bangalore and Ellpore.

Circulated to Councillors.

By Order,

H. Manjunadayya

8/10/1902 *Secretary.*

Name.	Date of receipt.	Date when passed on.
V. P. Madhava Row, Esq., C.I.E.	9/10/02	
C. Sreenivasiengar, Esq. ...	Seen Leg. Dr.	
~~Rao Bahadur C. Madiah, Esq.~~		
The Secretary		

MGCPB—22-3-01—250

I would consult the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga before the contemplated reduction is adopted!

To the Dewan

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D.O. Written to the Dy Commr
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

My dear Mr. Puttanna Chetty.

The total daily average strength of prisoners in the Shimoga Jail, as given in the Report on the Administration of Jails in the State for 1900, was only 7·14, while that of the Bangalore and Mysore Jails was 575 and 224 respectively. The cost of guarding establishment at the Shimoga Jail was on an average more than Rs. 29 per head against Rs. 39-36 respectively at Bangalore and Mysore. Besides, by the opening of Railway communication between Shimoga and Bangalore, there is every facility for the easy conveyance of prisoners to the Cantonment. Govt. therefore consider it

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unnecessary and undesirable
to maintain any longer
a Separate jail at
Shimoga with an allowance
to the District Medical
officer for Supervision
and a costly guarding
establishment as at present, and are of
~~Post before proposals are passed, passing for~~
~~I am therefore to request~~
~~you to kindly favour Govt~~
~~and~~
with your opinion ~~as~~ that instead of
~~whether~~ the jail ~~may~~
~~not~~ ~~be established, and~~
a lock-up for short
term and under-trial
prisoners may be established
~~in its stead~~, as at other district
head quarters (except
Bangalore & Mysore). But before passing final
orders ~~in the matter~~, they wish to have your views
in the matter, & the favour of an early reply is requested.

Yours Sincerely

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Camp, Mysore
14th October 1902.

My dear Mr. Ranjiruddayya

With reference to your D.O. of the 13th inst. on the subject of the abolition of the jail at Shimoga and the establishment, in its place, of a lock-up for short-term and under-trial prisoners and calling for my views in the matter, I beg to state that I am decidedly of opinion that with the advent of the railway to Shimoga, the raison d'etre of a separate jail for Shimoga ceased to exist. The present

Jail is an extensive building, partly in ruins, which was called into existence to meet the requirements of the old Nagar Division consisting of 3 Districts. Such a jail was perhaps necessary at that time when the distance between Bangalore and Shimoga rendered it prohibitive to transport prisoners by road from one station to the other. Each Division was then an independent centre with its own separate institutions in all departments. Shimoga was then the Head Quarters of the Division and possessed all the adjuncts necessary for its dignity. Matters have changed considerably since the abolition of the Divisions

and Shimoga is now nothing more than the Head-quarters of the District.

The number of the prisoners in the jail is growing less every year and the cost of the guarding establishment is out of all proportion to the number of prisoners guarded. The circumstances and surroundings of the jail are such as to favour the escape of prisoners, which can only be prevented by means of a costly guarding establishment.

I concur in the opinion that the jail should be abolished and a lock-up for short-term and under-trial prisoners established in its place.

The jail building may be con-

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verted into a Sandal Koti for which it is well adapted. This will save the necessity of building a new Koti as at present intended.

Yours sincerely,

W. Mitchell

As directed by the Dewan, the Dy Commr was consulted. He is in favour of the abolition of the jail & the establishment of a lock-up instead. He suggests that the jail building may be used for the Sandal-Kotai.

14/10/1902

To the Dewan.

R. Mysore
15.10.02
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The 1st Councillor's opinion is still due from him. Send a letter again

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To the 1st Councillor.

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R: 20/10/02
CG.

Agree to the abolition

21/10/1902

with note
A draft is submitted.

The Dewan. 22/10

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

Record of Cases Coming before the Council of H. H. the Maharaja.

Subject—*(Clause X of Schedule.)*

Abolition of the Jail at Shimoga, and establishment instead of a lock-up as in other District head quarters except Bangalore and Mysore.

Secretary's Note.

Now that ~~Dr.~~ le. Lakshmanasawmy, Civil Surgeon of Shimoga has been reduced to the grade of an Assistant Surgeon, 1st grade, and will be removed from there, it is a point for consideration whether it is necessary hereafter to maintain as at present the Jail at Shimoga with an allowance to the Civil Surgeon for its supervision, and a costly guarding establishment. The total average daily strength of the Shimoga Jail including under-trial and civil prisoners is 62·48, while those of the Bangalore and Mysore Jails are 575 and 207 respectively. Similarly the cost of establishment for guarding &c at Shimoga is on an average nearly Rs. 93 per head, while at Bangalore and Mysore it costs only about Rs.38.Of course, before railway communication was opened to Shimoga, the maintenance of a Jail there, was a necessity on account of the distance to Bangalore and the difficulty of frequently transporting the prisoners by road to that place. At present the railway affords facilities for the easy conveyance of the prisoners to Bangalore. The question of diminishing the establishment and assimilating the Shimoga Jail to the Jails at

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District Head Quartersother than those of Bangalore and Mysore has to be taken into consideration. [illegible] The number of convicts received in 1899-1900 in the Shimoga Jail was 118 and to transfer these to Bangalore it would have cost about Rs.250 or Rs.300 including the cost of the warders who are to accompany the prisoners, to transport whom, according to the existing rules there would have been no necessity. The daily average of convicts in 1899-1900 was 49·88. Deducting this from the total average of 62·48, the averages of under-trial and civil prisoners were 11·68 and ·94 respectively. Making a fair allowance for the number of prisoners sentenced to short periods of imprisonment, who serve out their terms at Shimoga itself, it may be presumed that the total daily average will not exceed 20 or 25 at the highest. The cost of the establishment in 1899-1900 was Rs.5,805. It is apparent therefore that by maintaining the Jail at Shimoga on a smaller scale, there will be a material saving to Government. The building will if relieved serve as a Sandalkoti which is a great want in Shimoga. The Inspector General of Prisons and the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, who were consulted, are in favour of the abolition of the Jail and the establishment in its stead of a lock-up.

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COUNCIL CASE.

Opinions of the Dewan and Councillors.

The jail at Shimoga may be abolished and a lock-up for short term and under-trial prisoners established in its stead as in other District head quarters (except Bangalore & Ellpore

H.W.

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SECTION [illegible]

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SERIAL No.

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Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

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Abolition of the Jail at Shimoga and establishment in its stead of a lock-up as in other District head quarters.

SECTION P&G.

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SERIAL No.

Order.

Sanctioned.

~~KCSI~~

28/10/02

Upon detailed order - Letter re-drafting - unnecessary

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Draft submitted. Mistakes seen and approved

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The Dewan.

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SER'AL No. 1

This draft has been seen & approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

3.11.02

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Order. No: 8621-5 (11) 8/11/02
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Government observe that the total daily average strength of prisoners in the Shimoga Jail, as given in the latest Report, published on the administration of jails in the State, viz. the report for the calendar year 1900, was only 71.14, while that of the Bangalore and the Mysore Jails was 575 and 224 respectively, and that similarly the cost of establishment for guarding the prisoners at Shimoga was on an average more than Rs 79 per head as against Rs 39 and Rs 36 respectively at Bangalore and Mysore.

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The cost seems thus to be disproportionate. With the Establishment, moreover, of Railway communication between Shimoga & Bangalore, there is every facility for the easy conveyance of prisoners to the latter place. Under these circumstances, Govern-ment consider that it is unnecessary and undesirable any longer to maintain a separate jail at Shimoga, with an allowance to the District Medical Officer for supervision and a costly Guarding Establishment as at present, and they accordingly direct that the present jail

be abolished and that a lock-up for short term and under-trial prisoners be established in its stead, as elsewhere at the head quarters of districts other than Bangalore and Mysore.. ~~The~~ Site will be taken in consultation with the Jail building, for the conversion of the ~~may be utilised~~ ~~and~~ as a Sandal Koti. ~~by the Forest Department.~~

2. The Inspector General of Prisons is requested to submit for sanction of Government a detailed proposition statement showing the reduced establishment that will be necessary for the new district Lock-up and the savings that will result

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result as a consequence of

the arrangement.

3. Should the existing rules in regard to [illegible] require amendment, the [illegible] will submit a memo of the alterations req. for approval of Govt.

Secretary

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To

The I. G. of Prisons in Mysore

" Dy Comr. Shimoga

" Comptroller, Mysore Govt.

" Conservator of Forests

" Chief Engineer Electy to Govt., P.W. Deptt.

3-11-02

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Judicial, dated 8th November 1902.

No. 8021-5—J. 637, DATED BANGALORE, 8TH NOVEMBER 1902.

ORDER.—Government observe that the total daily average strength of prisoners in the Shimoga Jail, as given in the latest report published on the administration of jails in the State, *viz.*, the report for the calendar year 1900, was only 71·14 while that of the Bangalore and the Mysore Jails was 575 and 224 respectively, and that similarly the cost of establishment for guarding the prisoners at Shimoga was on an average more than Rs. 79 per head as against Rs. 39 and Rs. 36, respectively, at Bangalore and Mysore. The cost seems thus to be disproportionate. With the establishment, moreover, of Railway communication between Shimoga and Bangalore, there is every facility for the easy conveyance of prisoners to the latter place. Under these circumstances, Government consider that it is unnecessary and undesirable any longer to maintain a separate jail at Shimoga, with an allowance to the District Medical Officer for supervision and a costly guarding establishment as at present, and they accordingly direct that the present jail be abolished and that a lock-up for short term and under-trial prisoners be established in its stead, as elsewhere at the head-quarters of districts other than Bangalore and Mysore. Steps will be taken in consultation with the Forest Department for the conversion of the jail building into a sandal koti.

2. The Inspector General of Prisons is requested to submit for sanction of Government a detailed proposition statement showing the reduced establishment that will be necessary for the new district lock-up and the savings that will result as a consequence of the arrangement.

3. Should the existing rules in regard to jails and lock-ups require amendment, the Inspector General of Prisons will submit a memo of the alterations required for approval of Government.

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Exd.—J.T.R.

1902-03

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 8th November 1902

No. 8021-5 / J. 637

Directing the abolition of the Shimoga Jail and the establishment of a lock-up for short term and under-trial prisoners in its stead, the present jail building being converted into a sandal koti.

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